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PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTION, CONTROL, AND RELEASE OF
IMPORTED COMMERCIAL CARGO WITH SELECTED FOREIGN COUNTRIES"

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF GAO TEAM JUNE 27-JULY 1.
HOWEVER, JULY 1 IS CANADIAN NATIONAL HOLIDAY AND THIS
EMBASSY AND ALL CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED THAT DAY.
2. DIRECTOR GENERAL, FIELD OPERATIONS, REVENUE CANADA
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, HAS BEEN INFORMED OF POSSIBLE VISIT
AND WILLING COOPERATE FULLY WITH TEAM. HE POINTED OUT
THAT TEAM MAY ONLY WISH SPEND COUPLE DAYS IN OTTAWA ON
POLICY AND STATISTICAL MATTERS AND THEN GO TO REGIONAL
OFFICE AND OBSERVE FIRST HAND INSPECTION, EXAMINATION,
CONTROL AND RELEASE OF CARGO.
3. REVENUE CANADA SUGGESTED VISIT BE CLEARED BY
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND EMBOFF TOLD THEM
GAO REPRESENTATIVES WERE DISCUSSING VISIT WITH CANADIAN
EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, WEEK OF JUNE 13. P. SLYFIELD,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USA DIVISION, EXTAFF, WAS INFORMED BY
EMBOFF OF POSSIBLE VISIT AND GAO'S PLANNED DISCUSSIONS
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WITH CANADIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, BUT WE SUGGEST GAO
TEAM ASK CANADIAN EMBASSY TO NOTIFY EXTAFF.

4. EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS AS SUGGESTED BY
CANADIAN EMBASSY AND DESIRED BY GAO TEAM. ENTRY
INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR
JUNE 27, 10:30 A.M. AND EXIT INTERVIEW JUNE 30 SOME

TIME BETWEEN 2:30 AND 5:00 P.M. HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR
FORD AND HULTGREN HAVE BEEN MADE AT LORD ELGIN HOTEL
FOR JUNE 26 THROUGH JULY 1. HELEN MCVEIGH WILL BE
EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER. ENDERS

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